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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO AFRICA OF ILO LIAISON OFFICER

REF: FREETOWN 181 (NOTAL)

1. ELIMANE KANE (MAURITANIA), ILO LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK, MET WITH MISOFF MARCH 3, AT KANE'S REQUEST. KANE SAID HE HAD TWO POINTS HE WISHED TO MAKE.

2. FIRST, KANE URGED THAT USG PREPARE IN ADVANCE AND HAVE FORCEFUL POSITIONS TO MAKE AT UPCOMING ILO SESSIONS.

3. SECONDLY, KANE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WILL BE TRAVELLING TO THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IN FREETOWN AND THEN TO SEVERAL WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, GUINEA, IVORY COAST AND POSSIBLY MALI. DURING HIS TRAVELS KANE
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OBSERVED, HE INTENDED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIS INTERLOCUTORS THAT

THE US IS VERY SERIOUS IN ITS DEEP CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ILO. KANE ADDED THAT THIS WAS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF HIS TRAVEL, AS IT WOULD BE OF ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES WHO WOULD BE VISITING ANGOLOPHONE AFRICAN STATES LATER IN THE SPRING. KANE NOTED THAT ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD ALSO WOULD BE VISITING AFRICA WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD RECOMMEND KANE AS AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND AGREEABLE CONTACT FOR AMB SAMUELS DURING THE FREETOWN MEETING.
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